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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/259,589	
Filing Date: March 1, 1999	
First Named Inventor: David John Martin PATTERSON	
Group Art Unit: 2127	RECEIVED
Examiner: K. Tang	JUN 17 2003
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 12, 2003.

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed:

i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	06/16/2003 NDAHE1	00000035	09259589
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	01 FC:1801		750.00 US
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement			
iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (One Month) \$110.00

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$860.00 enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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